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SUBJECT: F-16 AIRCRAFT FOR GREECE AND TURKEY

REF: ATHENS 1847 DTG 031536Z MAR

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF GENERAL DYNAMICS (GD) VISITED DEPT-
OFFS (EUR/SE AND T) MAR 1 TO INQUIRE ABOUT USG POLICY RE
SALE OF F-16'S TO GREECE AND TURKEY. THEY STATED THAT THEY
WANTED TO FOLLOW UP ON DISCUSSIONS BY GD REPRESENTATIVES IN
ATHENS AND ANKARA CONCERNING US POLICY APPROACH.

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2. DEPTOFF (EUR/SE) EXPLAINED IN GENERAL TERMS DEPART-
MENT'S CONCERN RE SENSITIVITY OF SITUATION IN EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN, CONCERN THAT SALE TO ONE COUNTRY COULD
TRIGGER AN "F-16 ROUND" IN ARMS RACE AND WOULD ALMOST CER-
TAINLY HAVE DESTABILIZING EFFECT IN REGION. AS A RESULT,
US WAS NOT ENCOURAGING SALE OF F-16'S TO GREECE AND TURKEY
AT THIS TIME. WHILE NOTING THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT, GD REPS

STRESSED THAT GD WAS CONCERNED THAT ITS FOREIGN ARMS SALES SHOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT US NATIONAL INTERESTS, AND HAD SOUGHT TO COOPERATE WITH USG WHENEVER REQUESTED TO DO SO.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH SPECIAL ASST. IN OFFICE OF UNDERSECRETARY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE, SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY, GD REPS REITERATED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH CURRENT POLICY. REPS PROTESTED USG DECISION TO RESTRICT SALES TO NATO MEMBERS WHEN SUCH SALES NOT ONLY ADVANCED GOALS OF NATO STANDARDIZATION BUT ALSO ADVANCED IMPORTANT MUTUAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF US, NATO, AND THE AFFECTED COUNTRIES, E.G. GREECE AND TURKEY. THEY CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT GD WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WHAT ITS POSITION WOULD BE IN LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. VANCE

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